



# Giving New Life to Once-Contaminated Land

## Wyoming's Voluntary Remediation Program

Environmental contaminant spills are a reality in Wyoming. In an effort to assist businesses that experience spills, as well as preserve Wyoming's natural beauty and protect its citizens, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) has established the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP).

Businesses that participate in the VRP receive guidance from the WDEQ during investigation and clean up of a spill site, and the WDEQ can certify that the cleanup was successfully completed. This has proven useful for real estate transactions involving once-contaminated property.

### An Ounce of Prevention

While the VRP offers advantages, the best business practice is to never experience a spill in the first place. A new WDEQ rule titled "Pollution Prevention Plan Requirements for Eligibility in the Voluntary Remediation Program" encourages businesses

to actively prevent spills and provides motivation, including the ability to participate in the VRP, to companies that implement these practices.

### Implementing Pollution Prevention

Businesses wanting to benefit from the VRP should begin by creating a Pollution Prevention Plan, also known as a P2 Plan. This plan, customized to fit the unique needs and opportunities of each business, can be used to establish company policies for the proper handling, use and disposal of potential contaminants. The P2 Plan can also serve as a tool for identifying products that are less expensive and less toxic.

### P2 Plans = Good Business

Although the details of the P2 Plan will vary based on the business and industry implementing them, the purpose remains the same—to prevent environmental contaminant spills from happening. Businesses large

and small are susceptible to experiencing spills. By taking steps to prevent them, everyone saves the time, money and headaches that come with cleaning up a contaminated area.

### The VRP—Benefiting When a Spill Happens Anyway

Even when a P2 Plan is in place and being implemented, accidents happen and a contaminant release may still occur. Businesses that are implementing a P2 Plan

but still experience a spill may be eligible to participate in the VRP. Those not implementing a P2 Plan will not be able to benefit from the VRP.

### Get Involved

Businesses interested in viewing the new rule and learning more about P2 Plans and the benefits of participating in the VRP can visit [www.WyP2Plans.org](http://www.WyP2Plans.org) or contact the WDEQ at (307) 777-2948.

### The Voluntary Remediation Program

*The VRP provides business and property owners with cleanup guidance and legal liability assurances upon successfully cleaning up a contaminated site.*

*Implementation of a Pollution Prevention Plan, or P2 Plan, is now one of the requirements to be eligible to join the VRP.*



Tank contents spill



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